



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 357**

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House Bill No. 5928

*House of Representatives, April 1, 2015*

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. GUERRERA of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF "MEN'S HEALTH" COMMEMORATIVE NUMBER PLATES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) On and after January 1,  
2       2016, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue, within available  
3       appropriations, Men's Health commemorative number plates of a  
4       design to enhance public awareness of efforts to treat and cure prostate  
5       cancer. The design shall be determined by agreement between the  
6       Commissioner of Public Health and the Commissioner of Motor  
7       Vehicles. No use shall be made of such plates except as official  
8       registration marker plates.

9       (b) A fee of sixty dollars shall be charged for Men's Health  
10      commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees  
11      prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of  
12      such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department  
13      of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing,  
14      renewing and replacing such number plates and forty-five dollars of

15 such fee shall be deposited in the account established under subsection  
16 (d) of this section. No additional fee shall be charged in connection  
17 with the renewal of such number plates. No transfer fee shall be  
18 charged for transfer of an existing registration to or from a registration  
19 with Men's Health commemorative number plates. Such number  
20 plates shall have letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of  
21 Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may establish a higher fee for: (1)  
22 Number plates that contain the numbers and letters from a previously  
23 issued number plate; (2) number plates that contain letters in place of  
24 numbers, as authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in  
25 addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under said  
26 section; and (3) number plates that are low number plates issued in  
27 accordance with section 14-160 of the general statutes, in addition to  
28 the fee or fees prescribed for registration under said section. All fees  
29 established and collected pursuant to this section, except moneys  
30 designated for administrative costs of the Department of Motor  
31 Vehicles, shall be deposited in the Men's Health account established  
32 under subsection (d) of this section.

33 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the  
34 Commissioner of Public Health, may adopt regulations, in accordance  
35 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish  
36 standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement  
37 of Men's Health commemorative number plates.

38 (d) There is established a Men's Health account which shall be a  
39 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account  
40 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the  
41 account. The funds in the account shall be expended by the  
42 Department of Public Health to enhance public awareness of efforts to  
43 treat and cure prostate cancer and to support research into treatment  
44 for prostate cancer. The Commissioner of Public Health may receive  
45 private donations to the account and any such receipts shall be  
46 deposited in the account.

47 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may provide for the

48 reproduction and marketing of the Men's Health commemorative  
49 number plate image for use on clothing, recreational equipment,  
50 posters, mementoes or other products or programs deemed by the  
51 commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the Men's Health  
52 account established under subsection (d) of this section. Any moneys  
53 received by the commissioner from such marketing shall be deposited  
54 in said account.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	New section

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>	<b>FY 17 \$</b>
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	less than \$500	less than \$500
Motor Vehicle Dept.	TF - Cost	less than \$200	less than \$200
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Gain	less than \$200	less than \$200

Note: TF=Transportation Fund; GF=General Fund

### **Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill creates a men's health commemorative number license plate and sets a \$60 fee that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) must charge for the plates. \$15 of this fee is for DMV's administrative costs and the remainder is to be deposited into the Men's Health account in the Department of Public Health (DPH). The bill is anticipated to result in a revenue gain of less than \$200 to DMV which will be used for the administrative costs of producing the plates.

The bill also results in a potential revenue gain to the Men's Health account in the Department of Public Health (DPH) of less than \$500 based on the agency's share of the plate fee (\$45) and approximately 10 plates in FY 16 and FY 17. Funds available in the Men's Health account will be used by DPH to enhance public awareness of efforts to treat and cure prostate cancer and to support research for the treatment of prostate cancer.

### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5928*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF "MEN'S HEALTH" COMMEMORATIVE NUMBER PLATES.*****SUMMARY:**

Beginning January 1, 2016, this bill allows the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue, within available appropriations, "Men's Health" commemorative number plates. The DMV and Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioners must agree on a plate design that enhances public awareness of efforts to treat and cure prostate cancer.

The bill sets a \$60 fee that DMV must charge for the plates and designates \$15 of this fee for DMV's administrative costs related to issuing them. It creates a Men's Health account to be used by the DPH commissioner to enhance prostate cancer awareness and support research. DMV must deposit any fees not designated for administrative costs into this account.

The bill prohibits using Men's Health license plates for anything other than official registration marker plates but allows DMV to reproduce or market the Men's Health plate's image on clothing, recreational equipment, posters, mementos, or other products or programs that the commissioner deems suitable to support the Men's Health account. Any money received from such marketing must be deposited into the account.

Finally, the bill permits the DMV commissioner, in consultation with the DPH commissioner, to adopt regulations establishing standards and procedures for issuing, renewing, and replacing Men's Health number plates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

**MEN'S HEALTH ACCOUNT**

The bill establishes a Men's Health account and requires the DPH commissioner to use the money in the account to (1) enhance public awareness of efforts to treat and cure prostate cancer and (2) support research for prostate cancer treatments. The account must be a separate, nonlapsing General Fund account and contain any money legally required to be deposited into it. The bill also allows the DPH commissioner to accept donations for the account and requires any donations received to be deposited into the account.

**FEES**

The bill requires DMV to charge \$60 for Men's Health number plates. Of this amount, \$45 must be deposited into the Men's Health account and \$15 must be deposited into a DMV-controlled account and used to cover the plate's production, issuance, renewal, and replacement costs. DMV may not charge a fee to renew Men's Health number plates or to transfer an existing registration to or from a registration with Men's Health number plates.

Under the bill, Men's Health number plates must have letters and numbers selected by the DMV commissioner. He may charge a higher fee, in addition to any fees permitted by law, for low numbered plates, plates that contain the numbers and letters from a previously issued plate, and plates that contain letters in place of numbers.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31      Nay 0      (03/18/2015)